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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. MITSUGI Conf.: 8311
Appl. No.: 09/424,661 Art Unit: 2177
Filed: November 29, 1999 Examiner: M. Ali
For: OBJECT DATA RETRIEVING DEVICE, OBJECT DATA
RETRIEVING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM CONTAINING RECORDER DATA

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Respectfully submitted,

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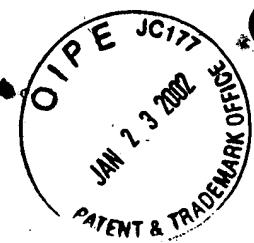
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of October 23, 2001, the following remarks are
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4

Please amend claims 3 and 5 as follows:

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3. (Amended) An object data search method comprising the steps of:

B1
retrieving one or a plurality of search words from a search criterion input in the
form of a sentence of a natural language by analyzing the search criterion in
accordance with a grammar of the natural language;